



Media Release

SPECIAL AVIATION SECURITY MEASURES FOR AIR TRAVEL FROM UNITED KINGDOM

SYDNEY, 10 August 2006: Qantas said today that it would comply with new, temporary security measures introduced by the UK Government for flights departing from and transiting through the United Kingdom.

The new measures, which apply to all airlines operating from the United Kingdom, restrict the items that passengers can carry onto an aircraft as hand baggage (see attachment).

Qantas has begun contacting customers likely to be affected by the new security measures in Australia, its Asian hubs and in the UK and Europe.

These additional security requirements do not affect Qantas domestic and other international operations.

Qantas operates four services each day from London Heathrow, and also carries passengers from Australia and Asia into Heathrow for onward travel.

As a result of the changes, Qantas customers travelling on flights from and to the UK are asked to allow additional time for check-in.

Further information for Qantas customers will be available on qantas.com.

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With immediate effect, the following arrangements apply to all passengers starting their journey at a UK airport and those transferring between flights at a UK airport.

All cabin baggage will be processed as hold baggage and carried in the hold of passenger aircraft departing UK airports.

Passengers will be allowed to take through the airport security search point, in a single (ideally transparent) plastic carrier bag, **only** the following items. Nothing may be carried in pockets:

- pocket size wallets and pocket size purses plus contents (eg money, credit cards, identity cards etc (not handbags))
- travel documents essential for the journey (for example passports and travel tickets)
- prescription medicines and medical items sufficient and essential for the flight (eg diabetic kit), except in liquid form unless verified as authentic
- spectacles and sunglasses, without cases
- contact lens holders, without bottles of solution
- for those travelling with an infant: baby food, milk (the contents of each bottle must be tasted by the accompanying passenger) and sanitary items sufficient and essential for the flight (nappies, wipes, creams and nappy disposal bags)
- female sanitary items sufficient and essential for the flight, if unboxed (eg tampons, pads, towels and wipes)
- tissues (unboxed) and/or handkerchiefs
- keys (but no electrical key fobs)

All passengers will be hand searched, and their footwear and all the items they are carrying will be x-ray screened.

Pushchairs and walking aids will be x-ray screened, and only airport-provided wheelchairs will be allowed to pass through the screening point.

In addition to the above, all passengers boarding flights to the USA and all the items they are carrying, including those acquired after the central screening point, will be subjected to secondary search at the boarding gate. Any liquids discovered will be removed from the passenger.

Passengers should be encouraged to configure their baggage in line with the above requirements before arriving at the airport, and to allow plenty of time to pass through airport security screening.